



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Liu, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/616,201  
Filed: July 8, 2003  
For: CIRCUIT FOR OPTIMIZING ZENER  
DIODE BIAS CURRENT  
Examiner: Not Assigned  
Group Art Unit: 2821  
Attorney Docket: 3409-129

**CERTIFICATE OF  
MAILING/TRANSMISSION  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.8A)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:  
(X) deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
( ) transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.

December 3, 2003

*John A. M.*  
*Erinda Clark-Kenney*

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §§1.97-1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The citation listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The Examiner is requested to make this citation officially of record in the application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before receipt of the first Office Action for the above-identified application. Consequently, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, no fee or certification is required. However, in the event that the first Office Action was mailed before the mailing of this Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to deposit account No. 13-0201 to cover this fee. A duplicate of this statement is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 is not to be construed as a representation that the listed citation establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a *prima facie* case of unpatentability of any claim in the above-identified application. Additionally, this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a further search of the art has been made by the Applicants, or that additional information relevant to the examination of this application does not exist unbeknownst to the Applicants.

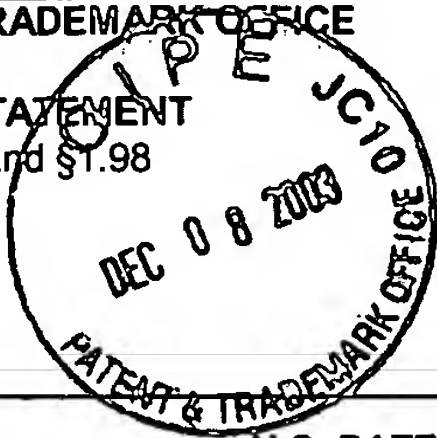
Respectfully submitted,



Donald L. Bartels  
Registration No. 28,282

December 2, 2003  
COUDERT BROTHERS LLP  
Two Palo Alto Square  
3000 El Camino Real, Fourth Floor  
Palo Alto, CA 94306-2121  
Telephone: 650-739-2800  
Telefax: 650-739-2801

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:	SERIAL NO.:
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT		3409-129	10/616,201
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98			
PTO-1449 FORM		APPLICANT: Liu, et al.	
SHEET 1 OF 1		FILING DATE: July 8, 2003	GROUP ART UNIT: 2821



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

† EXAMINER INITIAL	*REF. #	PATENT NUMBER	DATE (MO/YR)	NAME	U.S. CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (If appropriate)
		5,642,002	6/24/97	Mekanik, et al.	307/64	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

† EXAMINER INITIAL	*REF. #	PATENT NUMBER	DATE (MO/YR)	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION (YES/NO)

OTHER DOCUMENTS

† EXAMINER INITIAL	*REF. #	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES)

EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE	DATE CONSIDERED
----------------------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.  
Line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. *Include copy of this form in next communication to applicant.\**  
If an asterisk is placed beside the reference number, a copy is not provided because the reference was previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in a prior application that is identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d).